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1. SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY,
VICTOR ERMOLUK, ACCOMPANIED BY PETROLEUM EXPERT PROFESSOR
A. KALININ, ARRIVED IN COLOMBO FEBRUARY 6 IN CONNECTION
WITH NEXT STAGE OF OIL EXPLORATION AT PESALAI. PRESS
REPORT ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 3 CLAIMED THAT SOVUET HAVE TOLD
CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CPC) THAT THEY HAVE DISCOVERED
FOUR OIL-BEARING STRUCTURES IN PALK STRAIT WITH "VAST POTENTIAL."
SOVIETS REPORTEDLY HAVE ESTIMATED POTENTIAL OF FIND AT
MINIMUM OF 200 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE OIL, STRUCTURES SIMILAR TO
THOSE IN BOMBAY HIGH. DEPUTY MINISTER IS SAID TO BE HERE TO
DISCUSS FUTURE SURVEYS AND PLANS FOR FIRST PRODUCTION WELL.

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2. MAITHRIPALA SENANAYEKE, GSL'S MINISTER FOR IRRITSTION,

POWER AND HIGHWAYS, SIGNED FORMAL AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW
ON JANUARY 28 FOR SOVIET AID FOR SAMANALAWEWA HYDROELECTRIC
PROJECT. PRESS REPORTS GIVE VALUE OF AGREEMENT AS CREDIT
OF FORTY MILLION ROUBLES WITH ASSISTANCE TO INCLUDE PROVISION
OF EQUIPMENT, SOVIET TECHNICAL ADVISERS AND TECHNICAL
TRAINING IN USSR FOR CEYLONSE TRAINEEES. DETAILS OF
REPAYMENT TERMS WERE NOT REPORTED.
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